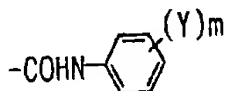


wherein each of  $\text{R}^1$  through  $\text{R}^4$  and  $\text{R}^6$  independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetyl amino group, a benzoyl amino group, a halogen atom, or  $-\text{COOR}^7$ ;

$\text{R}^7$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

$\text{R}^5$  represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms,  $-\text{COO}-\text{R}^8$  or



$\text{R}^8$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

Y represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

m represents an integer from 1 to 3;

M represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

p represents 1 or 2;

(A)<sup>q+</sup> represents H<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

q represents 1 or 2; and

X represents 1 or 2.

28. (NEW) Monoazo metal complex compound containing composition of claim 27 wherein R<sup>2</sup> in Formula (1) above is Cl;

each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> through R<sup>5</sup> is a hydrogen atom;

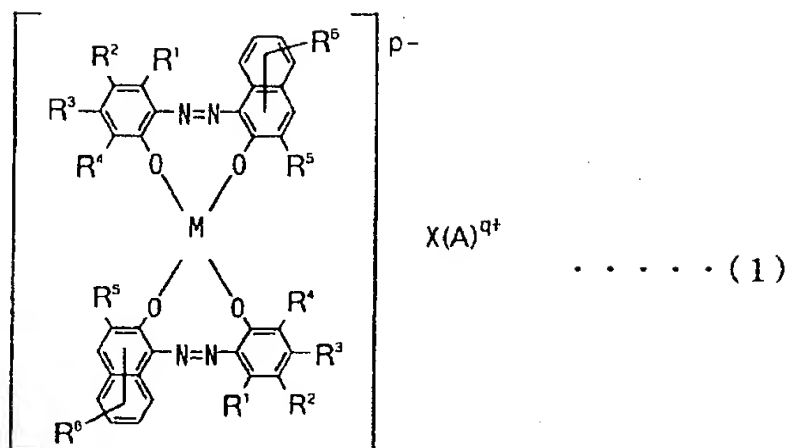
R<sup>6</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

M is Cr, Fe or Cu; and

(A)<sup>q+</sup> is H<sup>+</sup>.

29. (NEW) Charge control agent comprising a monoazo metal complex compound containing composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said composition being not more than 20%.

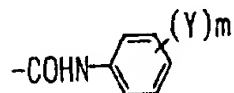
30. (NEW) Charge control agent of claim 29 wherein said monoazo metal complex compound is a compound of the following formula (1):



wherein each of  $\text{R}^1$  through  $\text{R}^4$  and  $\text{R}^6$  independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetyl amino group, a benzoyl amino group, a halogen atom, or  $-\text{COOR}^7$ ;

$\text{R}^7$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

$\text{R}^5$  represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms,  $-\text{COO}-\text{R}^8$  or



$\text{R}^8$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

Y represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

m represents an integer from 1 to 3;

M represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

p represents 1 or 2;

(A)<sup>q+</sup> represents H<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

q represents 1 or 2; and

X represents 1 or 2.

31. (NEW) Charge control agent of claim 30 wherein R<sup>2</sup> in Formula (1) above is Cl;

each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> through R<sup>5</sup> is a hydrogen atom;

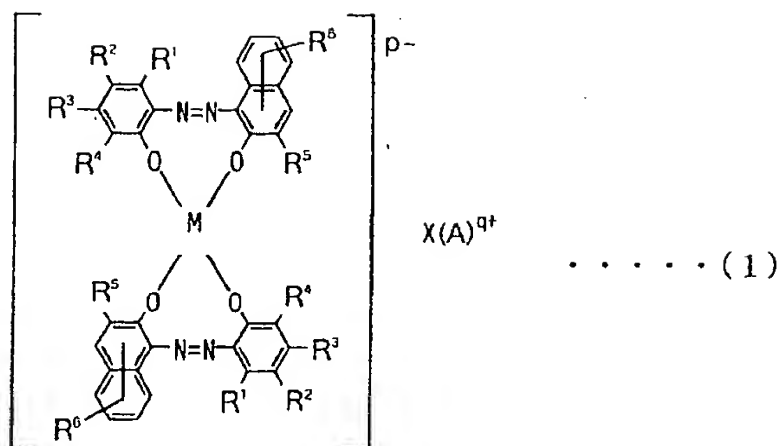
R<sup>6</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

M is Cr, Fe or Cu; and

(A)<sup>q+</sup> is H<sup>+</sup>.

32. (NEW) Toner for developing electrostatic images which contains a charge control agent comprising a monoazo metal complex compound containing composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said composition being not more than 20%.

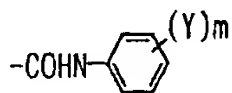
33. (NEW) Toner of claim 32 wherein said monoazo metal complex compound is a compound of the following formula (1):



wherein each of  $\text{R}^1$  through  $\text{R}^4$  and  $\text{R}^6$  independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetyl amino group, a benzoyl amino group, a halogen atom, or  $-\text{COOR}^7$ ;

$\text{R}^7$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

$\text{R}^5$  represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms,  $-\text{COO}-\text{R}^8$  or



$\text{R}^8$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

Y represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

m represents an integer from 1 to 3;

M represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

p represents 1 or 2;

C<sup>3</sup> (A)<sup>q+</sup> represents H<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

q represents 1 or 2; and

X represents 1 or 2.

34. (NEW) Toner of claim 33 wherein R<sup>2</sup> in Formula (1) above is Cl;

each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> through R<sup>5</sup> is a hydrogen atom;

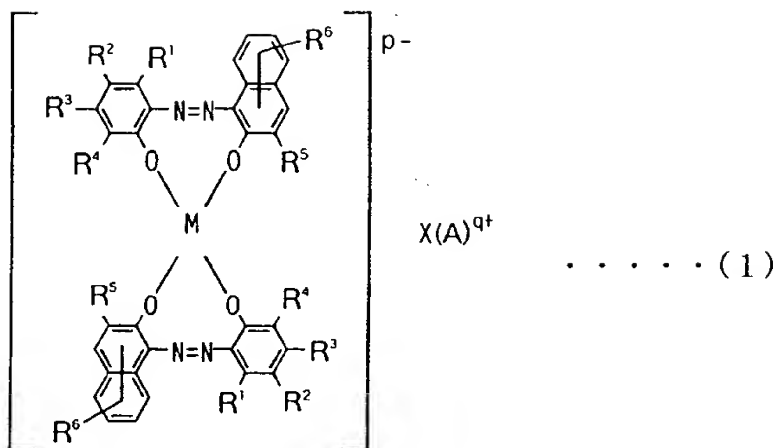
R<sup>6</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

M is Cr, Fe or Cu; and

(A)<sup>q+</sup> is H<sup>+</sup>.

35. (NEW) Coloring agent containing a monoazo metal complex compound containing composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said composition being not more than 20%.

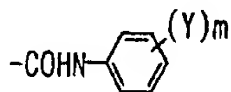
36. (NEW) Coloring agent of claim 35 wherein said monoazo metal complex compound is a compound of the following formula (1):



wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetylamino group, a benzoylamino group, a halogen atom, or -COOR<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>7</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms, -COO-R<sup>8</sup> or



R<sup>8</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

Y represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

m represents an integer from 1 to 3;

M represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

p represents 1 or 2;

(A)<sup>q+</sup> represents H<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

q represents 1 or 2; and

X represents 1 or 2.

37. (NEW) Coloring agent of claim 36 wherein R<sup>2</sup> in Formula (1) above is Cl;

each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> through R<sup>5</sup> is a hydrogen atom;

R<sup>6</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

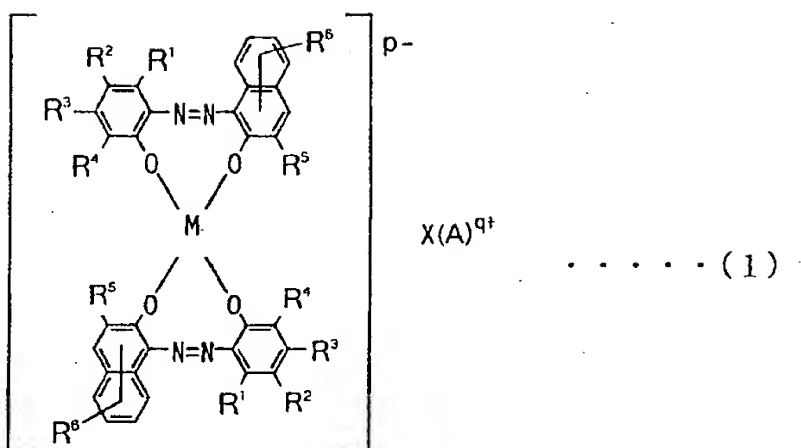
M is Cr, Fe or Cu; and

(A)<sup>q+</sup> is H<sup>+</sup>.

38. (NEW) Colored thermoplastic resin composition containing a monoazo metal complex compound containing composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said composition being not more than 20%.

39. (NEW) Colored thermoplastic resin composition of claim 38 wherein said monoazo metal complex compound is a compound of the following formula (1):

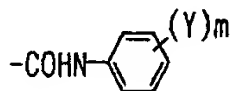




wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetyl amino group, a benzoyl amino group, a halogen atom, or -COOR<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>7</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms, -COO-R<sup>8</sup> or



R<sup>8</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

Y represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

m represents an integer from 1 to 3;

M represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

p represents 1 or 2;

C<sup>B</sup>  
(A)<sup>q+</sup> represents H<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

q represents 1 or 2; and

X represents 1 or 2.

40. (NEW) Colored thermoplastic resin composition of claim 39 wherein R<sup>2</sup> in Formula (1) above is Cl;

each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> through R<sup>5</sup> is a hydrogen atom;

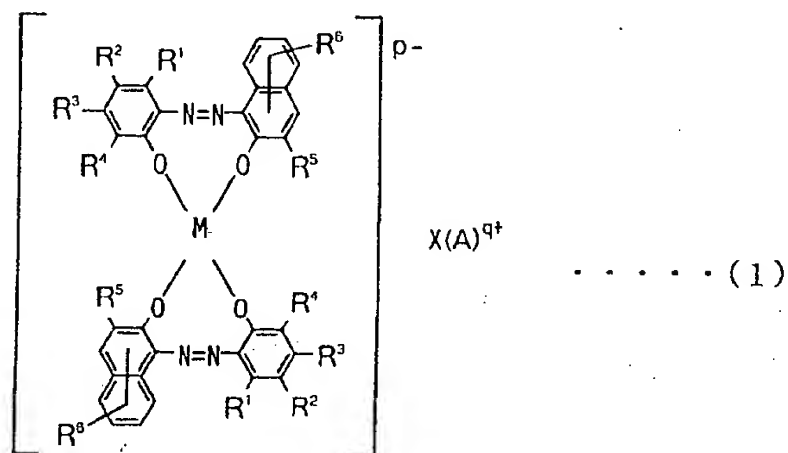
R<sup>6</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

M is Cr, Fe or Cu; and

(A)<sup>q+</sup> is H<sup>+</sup>.

41. (NEW) Monoazo metal complex compound containing composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said composition being not more than 20%, and wherein the purity of said monoazo metal complex compound is not less than 90% as determined by high performance liquid chromatography.

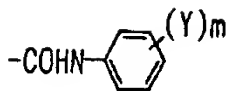
42. (NEW) Monoazo metal complex compound containing composition of claim 41 wherein said monoazo metal complex compound is a compound of the following formula (1):



wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetylamino group, a benzoylamino group, a halogen atom, or -COOR<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>7</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms, -COO-R<sup>8</sup> or



$R^8$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

Y represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

m represents an integer from 1 to 3;

M represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

p represents 1 or 2;

$(A)^{q+}$  represents  $H^+$ ,  $NH_4^+$ , a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

q represents 1 or 2; and

X represents 1 or 2.

43. (NEW) Monoazo metal complex compound containing composition of claim 42 wherein  $R^2$  in Formula (1) above is Cl;

each of  $R^1$  and  $R^3$  through  $R^5$  is a hydrogen atom;

$R^6$  is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

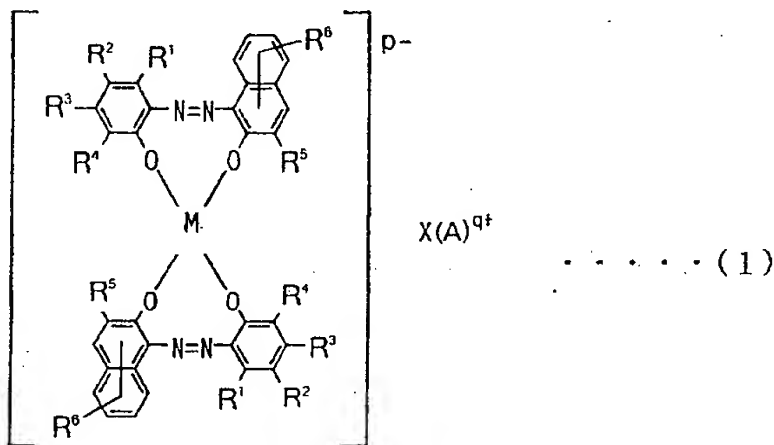
M is Cr, Fe or Cu; and

$(A)^{q+}$  is  $H^+$ .

44. (NEW) Charge control agent comprising a monoazo metal complex compound containing composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said composition being not more than 20%,

and wherein the purity of said monoazo metal complex compound is not less than 90% as determined by high performance liquid chromatography.

45. (NEW) Charge control agent of claim 44 wherein said monoazo metal complex compound is a compound of the following formula (1):

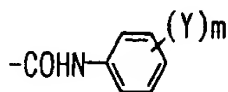


wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetylamino group, a benzoylamino group, a halogen atom, or -COOR<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>7</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an

alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms,  $-\text{COO}-\text{R}^8$  or



$\text{R}^8$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

Y represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

m represents an integer from 1 to 3;

M represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

p represents 1 or 2;

$(\text{A})^{q+}$  represents  $\text{H}^+$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

q represents 1 or 2; and

X represents 1 or 2.

46. (NEW) Charge control agent of claim 45 wherein  $\text{R}^2$  in Formula (1) above is Cl;

each of  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^3$  through  $\text{R}^5$  is a hydrogen atom;

$\text{R}^6$  is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

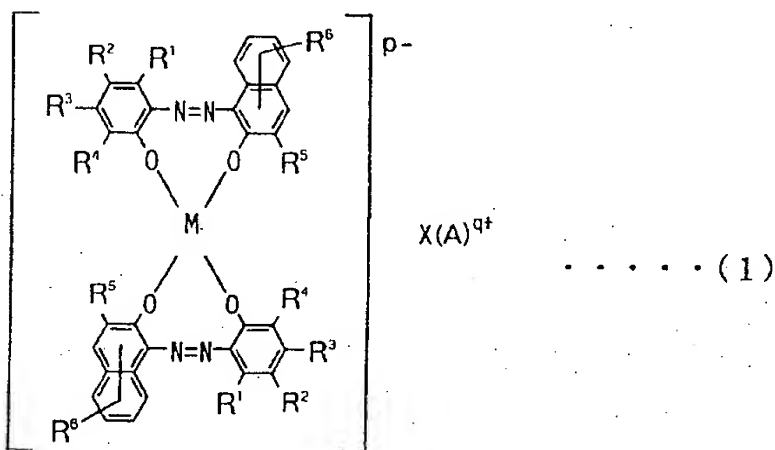
M is Cr, Fe or Cu; and

$(\text{A})^{q+}$  is  $\text{H}^+$ .

47. (NEW) Toner for developing electrostatic images which contains a charge control agent comprising a monoazo metal complex

compound containing composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said composition being not more than 20%, and wherein the purity of said monoazo metal complex compound is not less than 90% as determined by high performance liquid chromatography.

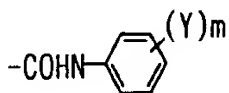
48. (NEW) Toner of claim 47 wherein said monoazo metal complex compound is a compound of the following formula (1):



wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetylamino group, a benzoylamino group, a halogen atom, or -COOR<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>7</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms, -COO-R<sup>8</sup> or



R<sup>8</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

Y represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

m represents an integer from 1 to 3;

M represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

p represents 1 or 2;

(A)<sup>q+</sup> represents H<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

q represents 1 or 2; and

X represents 1 or 2.

49. (NEW) Toner of claim 48 wherein R<sup>2</sup> in Formula (1) above is Cl;

each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> through R<sup>5</sup> is a hydrogen atom;

R<sup>6</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

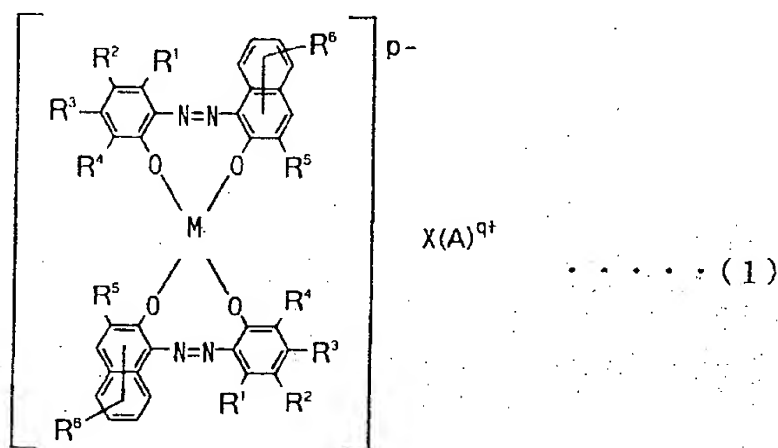
M is Cr, Fe or Cu; and



(A)<sup>q+</sup> is H<sup>+</sup>.

50. (NEW) Coloring agent containing a monoazo metal complex compound containing composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said composition being not more than 20%, and wherein the purity of said monoazo metal complex compound is not less than 90% as determined by high performance liquid chromatography.

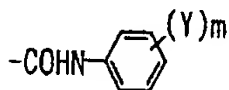
51. (NEW) Coloring agent of claim 50 wherein said monoazo metal complex compound is a compound of the following formula (1):



wherein each of R<sup>1</sup> through R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetyl amino group, a benzoyl amino group, a halogen atom, or -COOR<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>7</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

R<sup>5</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms, -COO-R<sup>8</sup> or



R<sup>8</sup> represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

Y represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

m represents an integer from 1 to 3;

M represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

p represents 1 or 2;

(A)<sup>q+</sup> represents H<sup>+</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

q represents 1 or 2; and

X represents 1 or 2.

52. (NEW) Coloring agent of claim 51 wherein R<sup>2</sup> in Formula (1) above is Cl;

each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> through R<sup>5</sup> is a hydrogen atom;

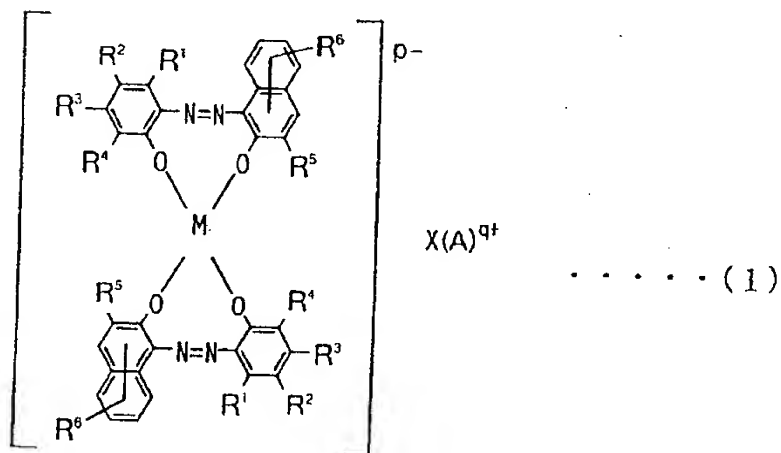
$R^6$  is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

M is Cr, Fe or Cu; and

(A)<sup>q+</sup> is H<sup>+</sup>.

53. (NEW) Colored thermoplastic resin composition containing a monoazo metal complex compound containing composition, the incidence of skin sensitization in a skin sensitization potential test, based on the maximization method, of said composition being not more than 20%, and wherein the purity of said monoazo metal complex compound is not less than 90% as determined by high performance liquid chromatography.

54. (NEW) Colored thermoplastic resin composition of claim 53 wherein said monoazo metal complex compound is a compound of the following formula (1):

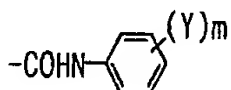


wherein each of  $R^1$  through  $R^4$  and  $R^6$  independently represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, a normal or branched alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, a sulfonamide group, a mesyl group, a sulfonic acid

group, a hydroxy group, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an acetylamino group, a benzoylamino group, a halogen atom, or  $\text{-COOR}^7$ ;

$\text{R}^7$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

$\text{R}^5$  represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a carboxyl group, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 18 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms,  $\text{-COO-R}^8$  or



$\text{R}^8$  represents a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms;

$\text{Y}$  represents a hydrogen atom, a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, an alkoxy group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, a nitro group, or a halogen atom;

$m$  represents an integer from 1 to 3;

$\text{M}$  represents a divalent or trivalent metal;

$p$  represents 1 or 2;

$(\text{A})^{q+}$  represents  $\text{H}^+$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ , a cation based on an alkali metal, a cation based on an organic amine, or a quaternary organic ammonium ion;

$q$  represents 1 or 2; and

$\text{X}$  represents 1 or 2.

55. (NEW) Colored thermoplastic resin composition of claim 54 wherein R<sup>2</sup> in Formula (1) above is Cl;

each of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> through R<sup>5</sup> is a hydrogen atom;

R<sup>6</sup> is a hydrogen atom or a normal or branched alkyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms;

M is Cr, Fe or Cu; and

(A)<sup>q+</sup> is H<sup>+</sup>.

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Please file the accompanying documents:

1. Certified translations into English (both signed April 3, 2003) of:

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2. Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132 executed April 2, 2003.

#### REMARKS

The 45 claims now pending are claims 7-21 and 26-55.

Claims 7-21 (15 claims) and claims 26-55 (30 claims) comprise 45 claims including 13 independent claims, such that an additional claim fee for 20 extra claims including 5 extra independent claims appears to be warranted.

Claims 7-21 stand withdrawn as directed to a non-elected method invention, whereas claim 25 stands withdrawn as directed to a non-elected composition invention species.